

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to ____.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date ____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 31 July 2008.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/William C. Vaughn, Jr./
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim 16 is pending for examination.

Claims 1-15 were cancelled in supplemental response filed 01 August 2008.

Claim 16 is allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claim 16 is allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement for reasons for allowance:

2. The closest prior art cited is Ossiansson (WO 03/005192). Ossiansson discloses a method for routing a request for an application to a first server, said first server requesting from local storage said application, said request being redirected from said first local storage to a first application in a shared storage, wherein the file name of said first application forms a hierarchical directory in said shared storage (page 3, lines 5-15, also 4:13-21, 9:10-16), and subsequently rerouting a request for said application to a second server, wherein the second server is a test server, said second server requesting from said second local storage, said request being redirected from said second local storage to said second application in said shared storage, said second application in said shared storage having a name different than said name of said first application in said shared storage, wherein said name of said second application forms a hierarchical directory in said shared storage (3:10-15, 4:13-21, 9:10-16, 16:1-22, 17:11-30), and configuring routing of request for said application identified by said first level name and said second level name to said test server instead of said first server (16:1-22, 17:11-30).

3. The prior art references of record do not teach alone or in combination all the limitation together within independent claim 16. For example, the independent claim contains the limitations of routing for a request for an application having a first level name, second level name, and third level name, wherein the first level name, second level name, and third level name of said application represent a hierarchical directory in said shared storage, wherein a first level qualifier indicates an application, a second level qualifier indicates an address, and a third level qualifier indicates a version number through a proxy server, and rerouting requests for a second application through a test proxy server, configured via a proxy statement to route all requests for said application through the test server after verification of proper operation of said application on the test server. Ossiansson generally teaches a method for routing requests for applications through servers including versioned applications and backup servers, but does not teach or suggest the combination of all limitation recited in the independent claim. Therefore, independent claim 16 has allowable subject matter and is allowable over the prior art of record.

4. Any comments considered necessary by application must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THOMAS RICHARDSON whose telephone number is

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(571) 270-1191. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, 8am-5pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Vaughn can be reached on (571) 272-3922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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